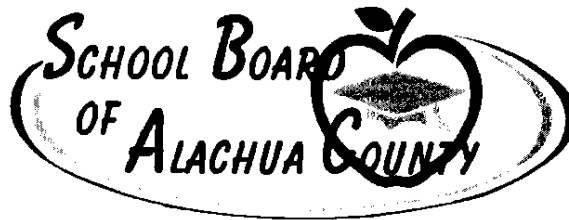


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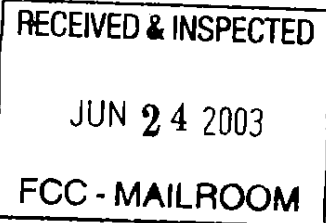
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Mary L. Chambers, Ed.D.

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June 16, 2003

Letter of Appeal
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Office of the Secretary
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Washington, DC 20554



Reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21.

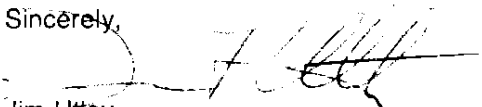
We recently submitted an appeal to Schools and Libraries Division from a Form 486 Notification Letter dated 10/02/2002 for funding year 2001: 07/01/2001-06/30/2002. The SLD did not consider our appeal citing that FCC rules did not permit SLD to consider the appeal because it was received more than 60 days after the date of the Form 486 Notification Letter.

Please accept this as our appeal from that decision. The Form 486 Notification Letter dated 10/02/2002 from SLD was to inform us that the SLD had changed our service start dates because we had not met the 120-day 486 deadline. The individual filing our E-rate documents mistakenly understood that this Form 486 Notification Letter dated 10/02/2002 was not something we could appeal since the explanation of the service date change was that we had missed the 120-day 486 deadline. We have since found that we could have appealed the service date change.

We feel that our missing the 60-day deadline in appealing the 10/02/2002 letter is a case of excusable neglect. The District was without a staff attorney, which was an extraordinary circumstance attributable to family illness, and we did not have the benefit of legal advice as to appeal rights or, for that matter, whether an appeal was even necessary in light of our understanding of the situation.

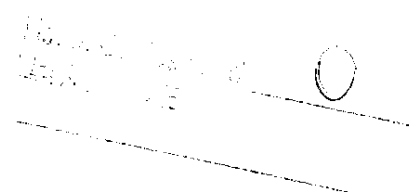
Attached is a copy of our Letter of Appeal dated May 15, 2003, to the Schools and Libraries Division. We respectfully request that this appeal be considered even though it was submitted past the 60-day window of the Form 486 Notification Letter dated 10/02/2002 due to our excusable neglect.

Sincerely,


Jim Utley
Chief Technology Officer
School Board of Alachua County
620 East University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601-5498
Work: 352.955.7500, ext. 243
Fax: 352.955.6700
Email to: utleyj@sbac.edu

Attachments

cc: Dr. Mary Chambers, Superintendent
Mr. Keith Birkett, Deputy Superintendent
Congressman Cliff Stearns





Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Rec'd 5/28/03

Administrator's Decision on Appeal

May 22, 2003

Jim Utley
School Board of Alachua County
620 East University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601

Re: Application Number: 266209
 Funding Year: 2001-2002
 Date of Issuance of 486
 Notification Letter: 10/02/2002
 Date Appeal Received: 05/19/2003

Our records show that your appeal was received more than 60 days after the date your Form 486 Notification Letter was issued (see dates above). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require applicants to submit appeals so USAC/SLD receives them within 60 days of the date that the relevant Funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued. (See "Appeals Procedure" at <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/reference/AppealsProcedureYR4.asp>) The FCC rules do not permit the SLD to consider your appeal. If you wish to continue this process, you may submit a new appeal via the United States Postal Service, stating the impediment to your filing your appeal within the original time, to the FCC at the following address:

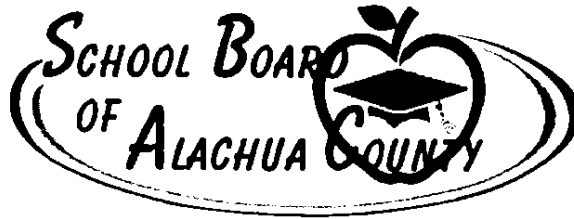
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Office of the Secretary
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Washington, DC 20554

If you are submitting your appeal to the FCC by means other than the United States Postal Service, check the SLD web site for more information. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. **The FCC must RECEIVE your appeal WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE ABOVE DATE ON THIS LETTER for your appeal to be considered filed in a timely fashion.** Further information and new options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site, www.sl.universalservice.org, or by contacting the Client Service Bureau at 1-(888)-203-8100.

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May 15, 2003

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125 – Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07891

We would like to appeal the change in service dates in the Form 486 Notification Letter dated October 2, 2002, we received for funding year 2001: 07/01/2001 – 06/30/2002.

Four of our start dates were revised from 07/01/2001 to 05/07/2002 with the date change explanation given as: 120-DAY 486 DEADLINE. Two of our FRN's were not even listed on the Form 486 Notification Letter. FRN's 732221 and 732222 were not listed at all. This adjusted our approved funding total from \$287,577.37 down to \$34,128.47.

Here is the chronology of events given to me by John Warne, who did our E-rate for Yr. 4, 2001-2002:

- ❖ The Form 470 was filed online and posted to the SLD website on 10/18/2000.
- ❖ The Form 471 was filed after the 470 posting was closed around the end of January 2001.
- ❖ We received our Form 471 Receipt Acknowledgment Letter dated 12/04/2001.
- ❖ We received our Funding Commitment Decision Letter on 01/25/2002. This was for Funding Year 4: 07/01/2001 – 06/30/2002.

This Funding Commitment Decision Letter did have two paragraphs on page 2 pertaining to when our 486 must be filed by. Neither paragraph pertained to us since our service start dates were 07/01/2001 and we received our commitment letter after the service start dates and after the 120-day window from 07/01/2001.

That wording in more recent E-rate commitment letters has been changed to clearly specify when the 120-day window for filing the Form 486 starts and ends if you receive your commitment letter after the start of your service.

We did not realize that the 120-day window started on the date of the Funding Commitment Letter since we had already started our service before the date of the letter. We missed filing our Form 486 before the end of that 120-day window. When we did file the Form 486, we received a Form 486 notification letter telling us we had missed the Form 486 window and would only receive partial funding of the original approved amount. SLD changed our service dates from 07/01/2001 to 05/01/2002 reducing us to 60 days of service.

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May 15, 2003

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Please consider the following extenuating circumstances: The person responsible for filing our year 4 E-rate had recently undergone surgery and chemotherapy for colon cancer. Although the treatments appeared successful, I'm certain that these factors had an effect on his work ability. He had successfully filed our year 2 and year 3 E-rate and clearly understood the importance of the deadlines. When the year 4 Funding Decision Letter arrived in early February 2001, we were in the middle of deadlines for our year 5 E-rate. Please take this into consideration as you consider our appeal.

We hope you understand why the 120-day window for filing the Form 486 was not clear to us, which led us to miss this critical window in our filing of our Form 486.

We request that the service start dates be revised back to the original 07/01/2001 date and the discounts be recalculated to reflect the full amount approved less the amount already disbursed.

Your consideration of our request will be appreciated. I have attached copies of our Year 4 Funding Commitment Decision Letter and our Form 486 Notification Letter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Utley', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jim Utley
Chief Technology Officer, duly authorized
School Board of Alachua County
620 East University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601-5498
Work: 352.955.7500, ext. 243
Fax: 352.955.6700
email to: utleyjf@sbac.edu

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cc: Dr. Mary Chambers, Superintendent
Mr. Keith Birkett, Deputy Superintendent



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

FORM 486 NOTIFICATION LETTER
(Funding Year 2001: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2002)

October 2, 2002

ALACHUA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
JOHN WARNE
3700-B NE 53RD AVENUE
GAINESVILLE, FL 32609

Re: Form 486 Application Number: 191458
Applicant's Form 486 Identifier: SBAC-486-0

This letter is to notify you that the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company has received and accepted an FCC Form 486 (Receipt of Service Confirmation Form) from you. This notification is to confirm the information that you provided. This information is being shared with the service provider whose SPIN you identified on the affected Funding Request Number(s) (ERN).

NOTICE ON SERVICE START DATE

There may be some situations where one or more Service Start Dates as reflected on this letter have been changed from what you indicated on the Form 486. Such changes are made by the SLD to be in compliance with program rules. You will know that a change has been made if there is an asterisk next to the Service Start Date. If the SLD changed the Service Start Date, that may have triggered a reduction in the funding commitment if the change of Service Start Date reduced the number of months for which discounts on recurring services could be provided. Whatever Service Start Date and funding commitment amount are listed, it is important that you and the Service Provider both recognize that the SLD should be invoiced and the SLD may direct disbursement of the discounts only on eligible, approved services actually delivered and installed on or after the Service Start Date indicated on this letter.

TO APPEAL THE SERVICE START DATE/FUNDING COMMITMENT CHANGE DECISION

If you wish to appeal the Service Start Date change(s) and/or funding commitment adjustment(s) indicated in this letter, your appeal must be RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION (SLD) WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE DATE ON THIS LETTER. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal.

In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available) for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Identify which ERN Service Start Date change or Funding Commitment adjustment you are appealing. Indicate the relevant funding year and the date of this Form 486 Notification Letter. Your letter of

appeal must also include the relevant Funding Request Number(s), the applicant name, the Form 471 Application Number, and the Billed Entity Number from your Form 486.

3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep copies of your correspondence and documentation.
4. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

If you are submitting your appeal on paper, please send your appeal to:
Letter of Appeal, Schools and Libraries Division, Box 125 - Correspondence Unit,
80 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. Additional options for filing an appeal
can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site
<www.sl.universalservice.org> or by calling the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option
of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You
should refer to CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal to the
FCC. Your appeal must be RECEIVED BY THE FCC WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE ABOVE DATE ON THIS
LETTER. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your
appeal. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can
be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or
by calling the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic
filing options because of continued substantial delays in mail delivery to the FCC.
If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to:
FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

NOTICE ON CIPA COMPLIANCE FOR FUNDING YEAR 2002 AND FUTURE FUNDING YEARS

Although your Form 486 has been fully data entered, the SLD will continue to investigate
the CIPA compliance status of each of the entities represented on each ERN listed. If
the SLD discovers that the reported CIPA compliance status for an entity is not valid,
based on what was reported on your Forms 486 from prior Funding Years, there is a
possibility that invoices will be denied for services being delivered to the affected
entities.

NOTICE ON INVOICING

INVOICING DEADLINES: After a Form 486 has been properly filed, the SLD must receive an
invoice from either the applicant or the service provider in order to make payments for
approved discounts on eligible services. Form 472, Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement
(BEAR) Form, is filed by the applicant; Form 474, Service Provider Invoice Form, is filed
by the service provider. Invoices must be postmarked no later than 120 calendar days
after the last date to receive service or 120 calendar days after the date of this Form
486 Notification Letter, whichever is later. If an invoice is postmarked after the later
of those two dates, payment will be denied.

Please note that the SLD encourages service providers to work with their customers
to establish whether discounts will appear on bills or whether customers prefer a
reimbursement process. The SLD will process either reimbursements based on Form 472
(BEAR) or discounts based on Form 474 (SPIF) for a given ERN. Once established,
however, the selected process - SPIFs or BEARs - must be used consistently for the
entire Funding Year.

NOTE: The SLD will base the billing mode (reimbursement or discounting) on the first
invoice type that it processes for payment. It is therefore imperative for the service
provider and the customer to establish together the preferred invoicing mode.

REVIEW OF INVOICES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH PROGRAM RULES

Once an invoice is in the SLD system, it is reviewed (electronically and, in some cases,
manually) for compliance with program rules. Applicants who submit BEARs or service
providers who submit SPIFs may be contacted by our Program Integrity Assurance team to
provide information in support of the invoice.

EXPLANATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE FORM 486 NOTIFICATION LETTER

On the following pages is a list of ERNs for which you have notified us of a Service Start Date. To help you understand this list, the following definitions are provided. Most of these are identical to the definitions that were included in the Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDL) sent to you earlier.

Funding Request Number (ERN): A Funding Request Number is assigned by the SLD to each Block 5 of your Form 471 once an application has been processed. This number is used to report to applicants and service providers the status of individual discount funding requests submitted on a Form 471.

Form 471 Application Number: A unique identifier assigned to a Form 471 application by the SLD from Block 1 of the Form 471.

Service Provider Name: The name of the service provider that you identified as providing the service included in this ERN.

Service Provider Identification Number: The unique number assigned by USAC to the service provider you identified as providing the service included in this ERN.

Billing Account Number: The account number that you have established with your service provider for billing purposes. This will be present only if a Billing Account Number was provided on the Form 471.

Service Start Date: The Service Start Date (SSD) as indicated on the Form 486. If this date is marked with an asterisk, it was changed by the SLD to be in compliance with program rules and an explanation for the change has been provided. This date as shown is controlling and USAC will not reimburse discounts on services delivered prior to this date.

Service Start Date Change Explanation (SHOWN ONLY IF RELEVANT): If the Service Start Date is marked with an asterisk, this field will explain why the SLD changed the date. One of the following explanations may appear:

AVSCD: The Service Start Date may not be before the Allowable Vendor Selection/Contract Date (AVSCD) from the Form 470 cited for this ERN on the Form 471. If you indicated an earlier SSD on the Form 486, the SLD changed the SSD to the AVSCD.

120-DAY 486 DEADLINE: Forms 486 must be postmarked no later than 120 days after the start of services or no later than 120 days after the date of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL), whichever is later. If the Form 486 is postmarked after the later of those two dates, the SLD changed the SSD to the date 120 days before the Form 486 postmark. That date will become the start date for discounted services. You are advised to keep proof of the date of mailing of your form(s).

Adjusted Funding Commitment (SHOWN ONLY IF RELEVANT): If the SLD changed the Service Start Date, that may have triggered a reduction in the funding commitment if the change of SSD reduced the number of months for which discounts on recurring services could be provided. This field will only appear if there is a reduction to the funding commitment amount.

FORM 486 NOTIFICATION LETTER FUNDING COMMITMENT SYNOPSIS
(Funding Year 2001)

- ✓ Funding Request Number: 673710
Form 471 Application Number: 266209
Service Provider Name: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Service Provider Identification Number: 143004824
Billing Account Number: 352 955-2999
Service Start Date: 05/07/2002*
Service Start Date Change Explanation: 120-DAY 486 DEADLINE
Adjusted Funding Commitment: \$15,695.76
- ✓ Funding Request Number: 673716
Form 471 Application Number: 266209
Service Provider Name: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Service Provider Identification Number: 143004824
Billing Account Number: 352 495-2111
Service Start Date: 05/07/2002*
Service Start Date Change Explanation: 120-DAY 486 DEADLINE
Adjusted Funding Commitment: \$279.77
- Funding Request Number: 673718
Form 471 Application Number: 266209
Service Provider Name: ALLTEL Communications, Inc.
Service Provider Identification Number: 143008900
Billing Account Number: N/A
Service Start Date: 05/07/2002*
Service Start Date Change Explanation: 120-DAY 486 DEADLINE
Adjusted Funding Commitment: \$2,620.94
- ✓ Funding Request Number: 673722
Form 471 Application Number: 266209
Service Provider Name: City of Gainesville, Gainesville Regional Utility dba GRUCOM
Service Provider Identification Number: 143009799
Billing Account Number: 00016318-01-3
Service Start Date: 05/07/2002*
Service Start Date Change Explanation: 120-DAY 486 DEADLINE
Adjusted Funding Commitment: \$18,152.94



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER

FEB - 1 2002

(Funding Year 4: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2002)

January 25, 2002

ALACHUA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
JOHN WARNE
3700-B NE 53RD AVENUE
GAINESVILLE, FL 32609-2040

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 266209
Funding Year 4: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2002
Billed Entity Number: 127655

Thank you for your 2001-2002 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. We have completed review of your Form 471. This letter is to advise you of our decision(s).

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Commitment Report for the Form 471 application cited above. We have reviewed each Discount Funding Request on your Form 471 application and have assigned a Funding Request Number (FRN) to each Block 5. The enclosed report includes a list of the FRNs from your application. The SLD is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can be made to begin implementing your E-rate discount(s) upon the filing of your Form 486. Immediately preceding the Funding Commitment Report, you will find a guide that defines each line of the Report.

NEXT STEPS

Once you have reviewed this letter and have determined that some or all of your requests have been funded, your next step to facilitate receipt of discounts as featured in this letter will be to file an FCC Form 486 with the SLD. The Form 486 notifies the SLD to begin payment to your service provider and provides certified indication that your technology plan(s) has been approved. The Form 486 and instructions can be found on the SLD web site at <www.sl.universalservice.org> or you can call the SLD Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100 and ask that the form be sent to you. The new Form 486, dated July 2001 in the lower right corner, MUST be used for Funding Year 4 and for all previous funding years. Subsequent submissions of earlier versions of the Form 486 will be returned to you and will not be able to be processed. As you complete Form 486, you should also contact your service provider to verify they have received notice from the SLD of your funding commitments. After the SLD processes your Form 486, we will begin processing invoices from your service provider(s) so they can be reimbursed for discounted services they have provided you.

On December 21, 2000, the Children's Internet Protection Act was signed into law. That law will require schools and libraries that receive Universal Service discounts for certain services to adopt an Internet safety policy incorporating the use of filtering or blocking technology on computers with Internet access as a condition of receiving those discounts. THE LAW DOES NOT, HOWEVER, REQUIRE THIS TO BE IN PLACE FOR FUNDING YEAR 4. RECIPIENTS WILL HAVE TO CERTIFY, HOWEVER, THAT THEY ARE UNDERTAKING SUCH ACTIONS, INCLUDING NECESSARY PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES, TO PUT SUCH TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION MEASURES IN PLACE. For Funding Year 4 (the Funding Year beginning July 1, 2001), Billed Entities filing Form(s) 486 may encounter one or more situations that will affect their filing deadline(s). See the requirements for Funding Year 4 below and the Form 486

Instructions for more information on filing deadlines to ensure that your discounts can be paid retroactively to the Service Start Date. You are advised to keep proof of the date of mailing.

1. If Funding Year 4 services start on or before Sunday, October 28, 2001, and the date of your Funding Commitment Decision Letter is before Sunday, October 28, 2001, your Form 486 must be postmarked on or before October 28, 2001 in order for discounts to be paid retroactively to the Service Start Date. Failure to meet this certification deadline will result in reduced funding.
2. If your services start after October 28, 2001, your Form 486 must be postmarked no later than 120 days after the Service Start Date or 120 days after the date of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter, whichever is later, in order for discounts to be paid retroactively to the Service Start Date. Failure to meet this filing deadline will result in reduced funding.

You may also check the SLD web site at www.sl.universalservice.org or call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100 for more information about how this new law might impact universal service discounts and any needed documentation for Funding Year 4 (July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002).

TO APPEAL THESE FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISIONS

If you wish to appeal the Funding Commitment Decision(s) (FCD) indicated in this letter, your appeal must be made in writing and RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION (SLD) at the SLD address below WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE ABOVE DATE ON THIS LETTER. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available) for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Identify which FCD Letter you are appealing. Indicate the relevant funding year and the date of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter. Your letter of appeal must also include the applicant name, the Form 471 Application Number, and the Billed Entity Number from the top of your FCD Letter.
3. Identify the particular Funding Request Number (FRN) that is the subject of your appeal. When explaining your appeal, include the precise language or text from the Funding Commitment Decision Letter that is at the heart of your appeal. By pointing us to the exact words that give rise to your appeal, the SLD will be able to more readily understand and respond appropriately to your appeal. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep copies of your correspondence and documentation.
4. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

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NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the universal service mechanisms for schools and libraries. FCC Form 471 Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that SLD or the Federal Communications Commission may undertake periodically to assure that funds have been committed and are being used in accordance with all such requirements. If the SLD subsequently determines that its commitment was erroneously issued due to action or inaction, including but not

limited to that by SLD, the Applicant, or Service Provider, and that the action or inaction was not in accordance with such requirements, SLD may be required to cancel these funding commitments and seek repayment of any funds disbursed not in accordance with such requirements. The SLD, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to USAC and the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect erroneously disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

We look forward to continuing our work with you on connecting our schools and libraries through advanced telecommunications services.

Sincerely,

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

Enclosures

A GUIDE TO THE FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Attached to this letter will be a report for each E-rate funding request from your application. We are providing the following definitions.

FUNDING REQUEST NUMBER (FRN): A Funding Request Number is assigned by the SLD to each Block 5 of your Form 471 once an application has been processed. This number is used to report to Applicants and Service Providers the status of individual discount funding requests submitted on a Form 471.

FUNDING STATUS: Each FRN will have one of three definitions: "Funded," "Not Funded," or "As Yet Unfunded."

1. An FRN that is "Funded" will be approved at the level that SLD determined is appropriate for that item. The funding level will generally be the level requested unless the SLD determines during the application review process that some adjustment is appropriate.
2. An FRN that is "Not Funded" is one for which no funds will be committed. The reason for the decision will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision," and amplification of that explanation may be offered in the section, "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An FRN may be "Not Funded" because the request does not comply with program rules, or because the total amount of funds in the Universal Service Fund was insufficient to fund all requests.
3. An FRN that is "As Yet Unfunded" reflects a temporary status that is assigned to an FRN when the SLD is uncertain at the time the letter is generated whether there will be sufficient funds to make commitments for requests for internal connections at a particular discount level. For example, if your application included requests for discounts on both telecommunications services and internal connections, you might receive a letter with our funding commitment for your telecommunications funding requests and a message that your internal connections requests are "As Yet Unfunded." You would receive a subsequent letter(s) regarding the funding decision on your internal connections requests.

SERVICES ORDERED: The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on Form 471.

SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number): A unique number assigned by the Universal Service Administrative Company to service providers seeking payment from the Universal Service Fund for participating in the universal service support programs. A SPIN is also used to verify delivery of services and to arrange for payment.

SERVICE PROVIDER NAME: The legal name of the service provider.

CONTRACT NUMBER: The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider. This will be present only if a contract number was provided on Form 471.

BILLING ACCOUNT NUMBER: The account number that your service provider has established with you for billing purposes. This will be present only if a Billing Account Number was provided on Form 471.

EARLIEST POSSIBLE EFFECTIVE DATE OF DISCOUNT: The first possible date of service for which the SLD will reimburse service providers for the discounts for the service.

CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE: The date the contract expires. This will be present only if a contract expiration date was provided on Form 471.

SITE IDENTIFIER: The Entity Number listed in Form 471, Block 5, Item 22a will be listed. This will appear only for "site specific" FRNs.

PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT: Amount in Form 471, Block 5, Item 23, Column I, as determined through the application review process.

DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE APPROVED BY THE SLD: This is the discount rate that the SLD has approved for this service.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION: This represents the total amount of funding that the SLD has reserved to reimburse service providers for the approved discounts for this service through June 30, 2002. It is important that you and the service provider both recognize that the SLD should be invoiced and the SLD may direct disbursement of discounts only for eligible, approved services actually rendered.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION EXPLANATION: This entry may amplify the comments in the
"Funding Commitment Decision" area.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 266209
Funding Request Number: 673710 Funding Status: Funded
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Service
SPIN: 143004824 Service Provider Name: BellSouth Telecommunications
Contract Number: 950-TL-01-0913-93-00
Billing Account Number: 352 955-2999
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2001
Contract Expiration Date: 07/30/2003
Pre-Discount Amount: \$147,147.72
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 64%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$94,174.54 - FRN approved; modified by SLD
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The estimated one-time and/or monthly charge was changed to reflect the documentation provided by the applicant.

Funding Request Number: 673716 Funding Status: Funded
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Service
SPIN: 143004824 Service Provider Name: BellSouth Telecommunications
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: 352 495-2111
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2001
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2002
Pre-Discount Amount: \$2,622.84
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 64%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,678.62 - FRN approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 673718 Funding Status: Funded
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Service
SPIN: 143001440 Service Provider Name: Alltel Florida Inc.
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: N/A
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2001
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2002
Pre-Discount Amount: \$24,571.32
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 64%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$15,725.64 - FRN approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 673722 Funding Status: Funded
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Service
SPIN: 143009799 Service Provider Name: City of Gainesville, Gainesvi
Contract Number: 00016318-01-3
Billing Account Number: 00016318-01-3
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2001
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2003
Pre-Discount Amount: \$170,183.76
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 64%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$108,917.61 - FRN approved as submitted

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Form 471 Application Number: 266209
Funding Request Number: 732221 Funding Status: Funded
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Service
SPIN: 143004824 Service Provider Name: BellSouth Telecommunications
Contract Number: BBS-FIRN-NF97
Billing Account Number: 352 373-5192
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2001
Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/2002
Pre-Discount Amount: \$82,090.80
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 64%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$52,538.11 - FRN approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 732222 Funding Status: Funded
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Service
SPIN: 143004824 Service Provider Name: BellSouth Telecommunications
Contract Number: BBS-FIRN-FN-97
Billing Account Number: 352-373-5192
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2001
Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/2002
Pre-Discount Amount: \$22,723.20
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 64%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$14,542.85 - FRN approved as submitted